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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5742

INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T LIBREVILLE 1140

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, GB

SUBJ: TELEPHONE THREAT AGAINST AMBASSADOR

KINSHASA FOR RSO

FROM CHARGE

1. AT 0940 AUGUST 15 MARINE GUARD ON DUTY AT CHANCERY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL. CALLER SPEAKING IN FRENCH SAID "WE ARE GOING TO KILL YOUR AMBASSADOR ("NOUS ALLONS TUER VOTRE AMBASSADEUR"). PHRASE WAS REPEATED TWICE AND CALLER HUNG UP.

2. MARINE WAS ABLE TO ADD FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS: CALLER WAS MALE, PROBABLY MIDDLE AGED AND SPOKE WITH A SOFT VOICE. SPEECH WAS VERY DELIBERATE AND DISTINCT. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND STATIC BUT ONE CAN NOT INFER THAT THEREFORE CALL WAS LONG DISTANCE. IN JUDGEMENT OF MARINE (WHO HAS SPENT YEAR IN PARIS) CALLER WAS PROBABLY NOT NATIVE FRENCH BUT ALSO PROBABLY NOT GABONESE.

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3. MARINE CONTACTED NCOIC AND MYSELF IMMEDIATELY. AFTER UNSUC-

CESSFUL ATTEMPT REACH ASSELE, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF GABONESE SURETE, I CONTACTED FRENCH CHARGE BEY-ROZET, AS ALL OTHER SENIOR SURETE OFFICIALS ARE FRENCH.

4. BEY-ROZET WAS DOUBLY CONCERNED AT MY NEWS BECAUSE HE HAD RECEIVED URGENT MESSAGE FROM PARIS EVENING OF SEPT 14 SAYING FRENCH EMBASSY LIBREVILLE (TOGETHER WITH OTHER SELECTED FRENCH AFRICAN POSTS) WERE IN DANGER AND THAT ALL APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN. BEY-ROZET AND I THEN MET WITH BLAIRY SENIOR FRENCH COUNSELOR AT GABONESE SURETE. BLAIRY TOOK NOTES FROM BOTH OF US AND PROMISED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE REPORT TO PRESIDENT BONO. BLAIRY ALSO PROMISED TO HAVE UNIFORMED POLICE STATIONED IN FRONT OF FRENCH AND US CHANCERY BUILDINGS AND IN FRONT OF RESIDENCES OF BOTH CHARGE'S.

5. I HAVE TAKEN FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS:

- (A) ARMED MARINE GUARDS WILL BE ON DUTY AT THE CHANCERY AND AT MY RESIDENCE 24 HOURS A DAY.
- (B) I AM LIMITING AND RANDOMIZING MY MOVEMENTS, AND WILL TO EXTENT POSSIBLE BE ACCOMPANIED BY NCOIC.
- (C) I AM INFORMING SMALL OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF SITUATION AND ASKING THEM TO BE WATCHFUL AND TO LIMIT THEIR MOVEMENTS.

6. COMMENT: FRENCH CHARGE ASSUMES WARNING TO FRENCH AFRICAN POSTS RESULT OF RECENT EVENTS IN THE HAGUE. OUR MUTUAL CONCERN IS THAT ANONYMOUS CALL TO US EMBASSY MAY BE WORK OF SAME GROUP.

7. FOR RSO

KINSHASA: IN VIEW OF SITUATION HERE WOULD APPRECIATE CPL SMITHERS ARRIVING LIBREVILLE ASAP.  
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